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“Fire Activity on the Bitterroot – Relatively Quiet, just the Way We Like It”

Hamilton, Montana, September 6, 2006 — The Gash Creek Fire remains quiet, and in the upper reaches actually received a light rain on Wednesday afternoon. Tobin Kelly, Stevensville District Assistant Fire Management Officer, reported “The fire is quieter than in the past few days. Spread is minimal, and is occurring primarily in the upper end of Sweathouse Creek. The fire has crept down the north facing slope in Big Creek about 100 yards.” Acreage is currently estimated at 8400 acres, with a dozen people staffing the fire.

The wildland fire use fires are continuing to burn in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Due to smoke, there have been no recent flights to assess fire spread.

Fire weather projections call for continue warm and dry conditions for the next few days. Light rains and cooler temperatures are expected by the weekend.

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